

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT



Hazardous Materials are substances that, because of their chemical, physical, or biological properties, pose a potential risk to health, property, or the environment.

Preparing For A Hazardous Materials Incident:

- Be aware of the methods used to warn you of a hazardous materials incident. These methods include:
 - Outdoor Warning Sirens
 - Emergency Alert System
 - NOAA Weather Radio
 - Announcements on Cable Television and local news broadcasts.
 - Tune to 1610 AM for emergency information.

What To Do In Case Of A Hazardous Materials Incident

- If you witness a hazardous materials release, report it immediately by calling 9-1-1.
- Do not enter the area contaminated by the hazardous material or cloud.
- Avoid any contact with the hazardous material or cloud.
- If you hear a warning signal or sirens, turn on your radio or television for emergency information. Follow all instructions carefully.
- If you are asked to evacuate or shelter in place, do so immediately. See Shelter In Place or Evacuation section for more information.

What To Do After A Hazardous Materials Incident

- Do not return to the evacuated area until authorities say it is safe.
- Persons or property exposed to hazardous materials may be contaminated.
- If a hazardous material has contaminated you, seek medical help immediately (call 9-1-1).
- Follow decontamination instructions given by authorities to clean up property or the environment.
- Listen to 1610 AM within the immediate area of the incident, or listen to commercial radio and television broadcasts for further instructions.
- Continue to listen for information and instructions until officials give the "all clear."
- After the "ALL CLEAR" is given, open doors and windows to ventilate if necessary.